

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

DATE..... July 27, 2004
TIME..... 7:00 P.M.
PLACE Grand Prairie Room
County Office Building

ATTENDEES NAME

Steve Clevenger
Pat Wilkerson
Paul Slavens
Jim Knapp
John Collier
Sarah Ellison

ORGANIZATION

Citizen
Historic Jeff Neighborhood
Tippecanoe School Corporation
Purdue University
Purdue University
Lafayette Realtor

STAFF

Doug Poad
Brian Webber

TITLE

Senior Planner-Transportation
Transportation Planner

I. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 25, 2004 MEETING

Doug Poad asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes.

Steve Clevenger stated he didn't remember asking questions as stated on page four in the minutes.

Motion was made by **Steve** to approve the minutes with the changes; seconded by **Pat Wilkerson** and approved by voice vote.

II. FEEDBACK & DISCUSSION FROM GROUP REPRESENTATIVES:

Transportation Improvement Program

Sarah Ellison asked if they discussed the whole thing.

Doug stated yes, the TIP was adopted by the Area Plan Commission and it was then submitted to the Indiana Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. All the items that we discussed, projects and funding, are there. The Area Plan Commission also amended the 2004 Transportation Improvement Program for a bridge painting project on the westbound US 52 Bridge over the Wabash River. We just received a letter today from the District Director in Crawfordsville stating that the project has been rescheduled for an October letting this year and INDOT decided to hold off on painting the bridge till May of next year. We won't have to worry about the project going on when there is football traffic. The 2004 TIP Amendment is on our web page but the adopted 2005 TIP is not. The draft 2005 TIP will be updated.

Annual State Road "Hot Spot List"

Doug stated there were eight locations regarding State Roads and three locations regarding either County or City Roads. He then reviewed the locations. The first was at South Street at 18th Street and the Committee requested a left turn signal for 18th Street. The second request was at Creasy Lane and SR 26 for longer left turning lanes and a change in signal timing. The third request was at US 52 and Klondike. Members observed that the intersection is very congested when school is let out.

Steve stated that traffic on Klondike Road is bad in the morning when people are dropping their kids off at school. People are sitting in the intersection and in the left turn lane going west on US 52 trying to turn onto Klondike Road. He stated you also have a problem with traffic going north on Klondike Road having to wait for the light.

The fourth location was on US 52 from Yeager Road to Nighthawk Drive and from Cumberland to Morehouse. Members asked if these traffic signals could be synchronized. **Doug** stated that Salisbury and Nighthawk Drive was on last years list. The fifth location is on US 52 at Greenbush and Union Street. Members witness vehicles using the inside shoulder beyond the turning lane as part of the turning lane. **Doug** added that these improvements will probably be done when INDOT re-construction US 52 in about five years.

Steve stated the turn lanes are to short so people use them to get over into the turn lane.

Sarah stated that at SR 26 and Caterpillar, cars cut over a long way back.

The sixth location is on Northwestern at Cherry Lane. Members are finding it difficult to make a left turn from northbound Northwestern onto Cherry Lane. Members asked if a left-turn traffic signal or a turning lane could be installed.

Jim Knapp said he will vote for that.

The seventh location is the northbound lanes at US 52 and Northwestern. This was on last years list. There is a very short merge area. The eight locations is on US 231, South River Road and SR 43, North River Road. The road is very pedestrian unfriendly.

Paul Slavens stated that a friend of his had a bad accident at CR 800N and SR 43.

Doug asked if there were a lot of trees or shrubs at that intersection.

Paul said there are trees there and sometimes the welding shop has stuff sitting on the corner.

Doug said INDOT is looking at improving 43 from the Interstate to north of SR 225. More improvements are planned north of that, but they won't be done for another 15 years.

Steve asked if we could add Hunter Road and US 52 to the list again because people are continuing to do U-turns and there is no left turn lane.

Pat asked where is Hunter Road?

Sarah said that is where the alligator was found.

Steve added that it was out by 26.

Doug said the suggestions will be passed on to the INDOT District Director. The district meeting is on August 17, 2004. There will be two meetings, one at 2:30 and the other at 5:30. The meetings will be held at the district office.

Paul asked if dinner would be provided.

Doug replied no. He said there were several suggestions for roads in the County and Cities. One was for a left turn lane at Old 231 and Beck Lane. The second is for a left

turn signal on 18th Street and Twyckenham. The third location is at 26th Street between Union and Caisson; there are no sidewalks.

Steve asked if Grant Street & Pretty Prairie Road could be addressed because of site-distance problems.

Pat asked if staff looked at Fannon Lane?

Doug said he did. The road was built during Railroad Relocation. Officially west of Greenbush and 9th heading towards downtown, that is named Fannon Drive. The curve that takes you back to the Union/Salem is also named Fannon Drive. At the junction south of the intersection are 3rd and 4th Streets.

Pat asked if they could mark the right hand lane as a turn lane instead of bottlenecking the intersection.

Sarah stated that directional arrows needed to be painted further down the South Street hill.

Doug said that was on the list several years ago and INDOT did install two signs.

III. PROGRAM

John Collier presented the proposed Purdue University and West Lafayette Transportation Plan around the campus.

Paul asked if most of the classrooms are south of State Street.

John said the locations of the classrooms are pretty even both north and south of State Street. He thinks the north edge of campus has the most classrooms.

Steve asked what is the justification for a signal at Chauncey and State Street.

John said there is no signal now, but when Grant becomes a one-way street southbound, it becomes necessary for a stoplight.

Steve asked if there would be two left-turn lanes.

John replied yes.

Steve asked if there are any plans for additional bus stops.

John said that he didn't know. He said CityBus would have to designate them.

Steve asked how do you foresee westbound traffic getting downtown.

John said he thinks Harrison will be the best route downtown.

Pat asked if the 10-minute break is critical for getting students on-off campus?

John said that the 10-minute breaks are for primarily moving students across campus.

Paul asked if there are there any cost estimates.

John replied that there are no cost estimates yet but expressed Purdue and the City will need federal funding.

Steve asked how does someone from the north get in and out of the parking garage in the middle of campus.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda Toman
Bookkeeper/Secretary

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ner regional state university.

Reviewed by,


Doug Poad
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SUGGESTIONS

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Respectfully submitted,


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Reviewed by,


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